

TOWN DESTROYED BY GREAT EARTHQUAKE.

Population of Two Thousand Turks and Armenians Perished

Constantinople, June 1.—Advices which reached here today from Asiatic Turkey show that a terrible earthquake occurred on April 29th at Melazgher, in the vilayet of Van, eighty miles southeast of Erzeroum, on the Euphrates. The town was totally destroyed, with its entire population, numbering 2,000 souls, including 700 Armenians, as well as the troops forming the garrison of Melazgher. In addition, over 400 houses in neighboring villages collapsed.

A somewhat severe earth shock was felt here this morning, but no damage was done.

London, May 28.—The Foreign Office here today received some details from the British Consul at Erzeroum regarding the recent earthquake at Melazgher, according to which a strong earthquake shock, lasting 30 seconds, was felt in the morning of April 29 throughout the entire district between Lake Van and the Russian frontier, and so far west as Kharput. The town of Melazgher, consisting of 300 houses, was destroyed, and much havoc was wrought in the surrounding villages. Colonel Khalil Bey, commanding the

garrison of Melazgher, with his whole family, three other officers and eighty soldiers, perished in the ruins. Lieut. Colonel Tayib, whose family perished, became insane. The telegraph operator who sent the news of the catastrophe, said he himself was badly injured, and that his wife and sister had been killed. He rescued his instruments from the ruins of the office with the greatest difficulty.

The Foreign Office has appealed for subscriptions for the relief of the destitute Mohammedans and Christians of the Melazgher district.

Twenty-one Drowned.
Posen, Prussia, June 1.—The Posener Tageblatt publishes a report that a ferry-boat having on board forty-five children capsized on the River Warthe, near Dembro. The ferryman and twenty of the children, the paper says, were drowned.

Lady Henry Quits.
London, June 1.—Lady Henry Somerset has retired from the presidency of the National British Women's Temperance Association on account of her health.

A Cruel Husband.
London, June 1.—Ellis Jeffreys, the well-known actress, has been granted a divorce from Hon. F. G. Curzon, on the grounds of cruelty and misconduct. Curzon is a son of the late Lord Howe.

IN THE MEAT TRADE.

New Zealand Government to Establish Enterprise.

WILL HAVE SHOPS IN BRITAIN

London, June 1.—The Government of New Zealand will shortly initiate a big meat selling enterprise. Prime Minister Seddon has cabled a response to an enquiry from London that the Government proposed to buy meat in the colony, and ship it direct to the United Kingdom, where depots will be established in the big manufacturing centres. The meat will be sold at a price that will simply cover the costs. It is further learned that New Zealand intends to employ the existing sixty or seventy factories, to kill, freeze, pack and ship the meat at a fixed sum per carcass.

A commissioner will manage the Government's business in the United Kingdom, and superintend a staff of branch managers. The first depots will be established at Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool and Cardiff; all will be run in the name of the New Zealand Government.

There will be also retail shops, although it is intended when the business is firmly established to abandon these and lease the retailing to ordinary butchers, the Government simply maintaining experts to oversee the trade.

The New Zealand frozen meat trade has rapidly advanced in recent years. The New Zealand mutton imported into Great Britain in 1897 was valued at £2,077,000, and the beef at £118,000. In 1902 the mutton imports had risen in value to £3,219,000, and the beef to £417,000. Great Britain's total imports of mutton in 1902 amounted to nearly £7,000,000 and beef nearly £3,000,000. Mr. Seddon hopes to capture a large proportion of this trade.

DECIDES TITLES FOR FLEETS.

C. P. R. Has Fixed Official Designation With Sub-Titles.

Montreal, June 1.—The officials of the C. P. R. have decided upon the official designation of its steamship fleets.

There are five of these in all, and the general title will be: "The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Steamship Lines," with a sub-title to apply to each service as follows: Pacific service, Atlantic service, British Columbia coast service, upper lake service, British Columbia lake and river service.

The only new application in respect of these various services is that which applies to what was formerly the C. P. Navigation Company, and which, having now been taken over by the C. P. R. company, will in future be known as the British Columbia coast service.

BRITAIN GETS THREE ISLANDS.

U. S. Will Pay for British Steamer Sunk by a Cruiser.

Tahiti, May 15, via San Francisco, June 1.—Information received on the best authority confirms the rumor that three small islands near Pitcairn were seized by Britain recently. It appears that they were regarded by British Consul Simons at Tahiti as valuable, anticipating the completion of the Panama Canal. The British Foreign Office approved the seizure.

Will Pay for Steamer.
New York, May 28.—Judge Adams, in the U. S. District Court, has de-

THE MONTREAL STRIKE.

Statement by the Street Railway Company.

Montreal, June 1.—In view of the end of the strike last night, Mr. W. G. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer of the Montreal Street Railway Company, today issued the following statement: "No promise of any nature whatever has been made to the strikers to induce them to go to work. The company will adhere to the published statement issued by them before the strike started, to the effect that they will help the men themselves to form a mutual benefit association, but will brook no interference with the management of our affairs, and so soon as the situation has cleared up we intend to consult the best of our men and formulate such an association. Although the men have broken the agreement entered into last February, the company will continue to carry out their part of it."

The Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company state that a large number of the striking linemen have returned, seeking employment.

Joseph H. Aube, business manager of the Street Railwaymen's Union, on a charge of trying to intimidate men who desired to work, was ordered today to pay the costs of the case and find two sureties in the sum of \$400 to keep the peace for twelve months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN

Judgment was reserved in the North Grey protest appeal.

There are thirty-five cases of scarlet fever at London.

In the Northwest Territories 300 parcels of school lands have been sold at prices ranging from \$5 to \$37 per acre.

Mr. John Fleming was elected to the County Council of Hastings for the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. R. A. Porter.

Premier Prior, of British Columbia, has asked for the resignation of Attorney-General Eberts and Commissioner of Lands Wells.

Toronto's bill providing for election of controllers by popular vote passed the Private Bills Committee.

It is reported that the Government intends to advance a loan of \$3,000,000 to provide further facilities at Montreal harbor.

Rev. S. John Duncan Clark, Toronto, has accepted a call to be pastor of the Christian Church, Troyville, N. Y., and leaves for Troyville some time next week.

Three miners fell 140 feet in the Belmont mine at Cortova, Ont., through some accident to the skip. Eleazer Yeomans was killed; Thos. Catney and another man probably fatally injured.

Yesterday was a big day in the Toronto Police Court, and as a result the city treasury will receive over \$1,000 contributed in fines. Lee Jim was fined \$150 and costs or six

months for keeping a gambling house at 69 1-2 Queen street west. He paid the fine. Seventeen other Chinese were fined \$20 and costs or 30 days each for looking on at the game, and seventeen more were fined \$1 and costs or 30 days each for frequenting the place. All said their fines.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

There were six deaths from cholera at Louisa, Chili.

Two Russian artillery officers confessed to plotting to kill notable personages.

The deaths from the plague in the Punjab from Jan. 1 to May 2 numbered 141,789.

A number of Jews are leaving St. Petersburg because of the receipt of threatening letters.

One hundred houses and many business buildings were burned down at Laconia, N. H.

King Alfonso of Spain has inherited \$7,500,000 under the will of his grandfather, the late King Francis.

An explosion of gas in the Charliers coal and coke mine at Federal, Pa., today killed four men instantly, badly burned seven and slightly injured a number of others.

Newspaper correspondents charge the French Government with criminal neglect in regard to the race which was attended by so many fatalities.

The afternoon Paris papers contain long stories of the remarkable case of a young woman living near St. Quentin, who, after living in a trance for twenty years, awoke last night.

George Dietrich, imprisoned in the Essex County Jail, Newark, N. J., on a charge of burglary, hanged himself in his cell yesterday. He had persisted in asserting his innocence, and brooded over his imprisonment.

Walter Smith, seventeen, years old, charged with burglary, was sentenced to the State prison for three years.

The Ban of Croatia, Count Hadervary, declared that the whole movement in Croatia was the result of the unification of the Croatian opposition at Agram and its adoption of a demand for financial separation from Hungary as a national battle cry.

Sir William Mackenzie, in an interview in London, speaks very highly on their singing of oratorio in Canada, and says Canadian choirs have all the necessary qualifications and only require casual cultivation to bring about the most excellent results.

A former insurgent named Galda, who lives in Taaloban, has brought suit against Major Edward Glenn, the notorious torturer, for \$15,000 damages, on the ground of unjust imprisonment and loss of his business and health.

A despatch from Figui to the Patrie says Bu Hamara, the pretender to the Moorish throne, yesterday reviewed thirty thousand men before the Amir of Figui, 12 miles from Tagit. It is supposed that he intends to attack the French posts.

Solomon Horn, 29 years old, of Brooklyn, committed suicide yesterday by shooting, after perhaps fatally wounding his employer, John Reiss, also of Brooklyn. Reiss was taken to the Gouverneur Hospital with two bullet wounds in the back.

Lord Monkbreton, who has been private secretary to Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, has been appointed the Amir of Figui, 12 miles from Tagit. The order, as announced, is to the Earl of Onslow, appointed President of the Board of Agriculture, vice R. W. Hasbany, deceased.

Queen Wilhelmina, accompanied by the Prince Consort and the Queen mother, opened the new bourse at Amsterdam yesterday afternoon. Her Majesty made a brief speech, during which she expressed her best wishes for the prosperity of trade in the interests of the whole country.

ORDERED FROM RUSSIA.

Times Correspondent Has Been Asked to Make Himself Scarce.

London, June 1.—The Times announces the receipt of a telegram from St. Petersburg correspondent stating that he has been ordered by the Russian Government to leave Russian territory. The order, as originally signified to him, was that he was to leave St. Petersburg on

HIGH POSTAL OFFICIAL

ARRESTED FOR TAKING BRIBE.

Bride of Six Weeks Accused of Poisoning Her Husband.

Washington, D. C., June 1.—A. W. Machen, general superintendent of the free-delivery division of the Postoffice Department, was arrested yesterday afternoon in the office of General Bristow on the charge of having accepted \$22,000 in bribes from the firm of Groff Bros. of this city, inventors and manufacturers of a patent fastener used on street letter boxes. Machen was taken into custody by a United States marshal and brought before a United States commissioner, who later released him on \$20,000 bail, furnished by a bonding company.

Diller B. Groff and Samuel A. Groff, the last named a member of the Washington police force, who compose the firm of Groff Bros., were arrested to-night and will be arraigned to-morrow.

Civil suit will be entered by the government to recover \$22,000, which it is alleged, Machen received as a bribe, and Machen and the two Groff brothers will be prosecuted criminally on the charge of conspiracy.

After Mr. Machen was taken into

Thursday, but by the good offices of the British Ambassador he has been allowed three days' grace to make domestic arrangements before leaving.

The Times, commenting editorially upon the incident, says: "Until we possess more detailed information it is impossible to comment adequately upon this remarkable measure, unprecedented within our experience, or even to speculate upon the causes to which it is due. We feel very confident that our correspondent will not be found to have given the slightest justification for the harsh treatment dealt out to him. He has displayed conspicuous judgment and moderation in the discharge of his responsible duties. If there have been features in Russia's domestic policy which it was impossible for any foreign observer in his position to either overlook or minimize, he has not shared the mistingings and patriotic rousings themselves."

WOKE FROM HER TRANCE.

Girl Who Slept for Twenty Years Passes Away.

Paris, June 1.—Marguerite Boyenval, who awoke Tuesday from a 20 years' trance, died today. The case is referred to by the newspapers as one of the most remarkable known in medical science. The woman fell into a cataleptic trance on May 21, 1883, after giving birth to a child. It was thought at first that she was a victim of hibernation, and the police were going to arrest her. At the beginning of her long sleep she suffered every two months, but eventually all movement ceased. Her jaws were clenched violently, and she sank into the most profound lethargy, with physical insensibility and mental torpor. Dr. Charlier, who attended her throughout, was able at first to cause sensibility by injecting sulphate of atropine subcutaneously, but he ceased that treatment when he found that no permanent progress was induced.

About five months ago the doctors saw signs of returning consciousness, and renewed their efforts to revive her, but she did not open her eyes until Tuesday, when, feeling the doctor's finger on her flesh she said: "You are pinching me." She answered the doctor's questions with "Yes" or "No," but did not converse further. From her incoherent answers it seemed that she was unable to recognize her relatives. She mistook her mother for her sister. Her memory appeared to be fixed on the time when she worked in the village sugar factory. Throughout her illness she had no pains administered through a quill where a tooth had been removed for the purpose. She fell asleep at the age of 22 years, and awoke at the age of 42 to the consciousness of extreme physical weakness and exhaustion, from which she died. The body was almost a skeleton.

ATTACKED THE JAIL.

In Which Men Charged With Marcum Murder are Held.

Jackson, Ky., June 1.—Last night was a veritable night of horror here and there was almost a panic among the troops, as well as the people. An attack on the jail was repulsed, but hundreds of shots were fired.

Early last evening a body of about 60 armed men were seen prowling about the city, and at midnight men began to sneak toward the jail, where Jett and White, accused of the Marcum murder, are confined. Guards commanded the men to halt and in reply several shots were fired. Immediately the guards returned the fire. The protesters ran about a hundred yards towards the jail and fired again. The guards then poured three volleys into the on-coming men in rapid succession. Moving objects were discovered on the north side of the jail also, and a few moments before the firing a flash of lightning. It was then ex-

SULTAN'S BROTHER DEAD OF A DOSE OF POISON.

Croatian Members Issue a Manifesto in Defence.

Madrid, June 1.—A report from Ceuta says the Sultan of Morocco's brother, Mulai Mohammed, is dead. He was poisoned, according to the despatch.

Croatia's Protest.

Vienna, June 1.—The Croatian members of the Reichsrath and the members of the Croatian Diet have published a joint manifesto attributing the popular excitement in Croatia to what they describe as the sad condition of affairs in that province, the national rights of which they declare have been violated.

St. Petersburg Celebrates.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—The celebrations of the bi-centenary of the founding of St. Petersburg were inaugurated auspiciously today with salutes and a procession of the image of the Saviour, and Peter the Great's boat, "the grandfather of the Russian navy," from Peter's house in the fortress of Saints Peter and Paul to the

Cathedral of St. Isaac, which was reached amidst the pealing of many bells and the chanting of hymns. At the cathedral a great assemblage of dignitaries, diplomats and representatives had awaited the arrival of the czar and Czarina.

Attacked by Strikers.

New York, June 1.—About 400 Italians, who were formerly employed on the subway, but are now out on strike, gathered in Harlem today and made a descent on the non-union negro laborers who were at work on the tunnel at 161st street, and Morris avenue. The Italians were armed with picks, shovels, clubs and pieces of lead pipe. The police advanced on the Italians and rained blows right and left. The rioters made a brief show of resistance and then fled in all directions. A majority of the gang gathered again, however, and went north to 171st street, near Claremont Park, and attacked the men engaged in work on the concourse. Police scattered the crowd and made several arrests.

FRANCE KEEPS UP DUTY.

Bill Proposing Reduction Rejected by Big Majority.

Paris, June 1.—In the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday, after a brief discussion, the bill reducing the duty on wheat to five francs was defeated by a majority of 301 votes.

The Minister of Agriculture, M. Mougout, in opposing the measure, stated that the present price of wheat was not excessive, and that the farmers were receiving a lower price than was regarded as legitimately profitable. The proposed reduction of duty would not produce the desired end of cheaper bread, as it would not affect the price of flour.

The remedy, he said, was too dear, continued the Minister, was for the municipalities to exercise their power to fix an official price of bread.

IS WORKING FOR KENT.

Father Will Spend His Last Cent for Son.

Rochester, June 1.—A. D. Kent, father of Leland Dorr Kent, the young medical student who was sentenced to 20 years in Auburn for having caused the death of Ethel Blanche Dingle, is confident that Justice Davey will issue the certificate of reasonable doubt, for which application was made by Attorney Raines, Kent's lawyer, in Penn Yan last week. Justice Davey may hand down his decision today.

"If bail is fixed at \$20,000, we would have to qualify in the sum of \$40,000," said Mr. Kent, "and I fear that is greatly beyond me. I hope that, if Justice Davey issues the certificate of reasonable doubt, the bail will not be higher than we can furnish."

It appears that Mr. Kent's most intimate friends have been urging him to abandon the attempt to secure a new trial for his son.

"It will ruin you financially and may be the cause of your death," is the argument they have used. "You are not strong enough to stand the strain. Let the boy serve four or five years of his sentence and then apply for a pardon. You can easily get it on the grounds on which you seek a new trial, the severity of the court and the unfairness of the trial. Then you will be in shape to help him when he comes out."

Those who have been urging Mr. Kent to give up the attempt for a new trial include some of the most prominent men in the city, who have known him all his life. His physician is among the most earnest in attempting to dissuade him.

"They want me to quit," said Mr. Kent. "The best friends I have are trying to get me to throw down the case. Well, I won't do it if it costs me every cent I have, and even if I knew that my life would be decided in the issue, too."

"What is bothering me is the question what I am going to do when my money is all gone. Mr. Raines here tells me that it will cost \$1,500 to get the new trial and \$900 for printing the testimony."

"Never you mind about that, Dorr," said Mr. Raines, "when your money is gone I will go on with the case myself. This is my case as well as yours."

Mrs. Ana Travers, sister of Mrs. Madsen Kent, wife of the convicted man, who testified against Kent at the trial, is expected to visit her sister today. The effect upon Mrs. Kent's mind is viewed with misgivings, but as she knows that Mrs. Travers intends to call, the meeting cannot be prevented.

A great deal of knowledge, which is not capable of making a man wise, has a natural tendency to make him vain and arrogant.—Addison.

CYCLONE WRECKS OUTBUILDINGS

But by Great Good Fortune Just Missed Farmer's Dwelling.

Blackwell, Ont., Report.—A cyclone, accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud, passed over this place at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, which destroyed everything in its track. A barn and outbuildings owned by Fred West were completely destroyed and the fragments scattered over the adjoining farm. Not a vestige of the buildings remained. The house, which is not more than one hundred feet from where the barn stood, was not damaged in the least.

The funnel-shaped cloud was apparently about one thousand feet high, and at times would throw out

DYNAMITE WAS STRUCK.

Carelessness of Rock Foreman Cost Two Lives.

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